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1. The local Socialist movement continues to be active. Two regular publications are issued, the Gaceta Colombiana, a bimonthly paper, and an information sheet which normally comes out weekly. The Gaceta is under the supervision of Armando SUESCUN and Amilcar GUIDO, while the information letter is directed by Guillermo COLL. Efforts at this time are being directed principally toward the organization of a Popular Socialist Party. Regional assemblies were held during April 1953 in Bogota and Cartagena, and a similar meeting is being planned for Cali. Antonio GARCIA and Luis Emiro VALENCIA, the movement's most important leaders, left Bogota for Ibague on 14 July, and they plan to visit Manizales, Cali, and other towns in Valle and Caldas. They will hold meetings, review the activities of local committees, and agitate for the movement's program.
2. President Gustavo ROJAS Pinilla received a delegation of Socialists on 7 July. The latter informed the President that their chief task at this time is the formation of a party which would confront (sic) the two traditional parties, as well as international Communism. They stated that the local movement has a strictly national character. Included in the delegation were GARCIA, VALENCIA, Jorge VILLA, Jaime TELLO, Ruben DARIO Utría, Luis CIPAGAUTA, Fidel TORRES Leon, Carlos J. MEDINA, and representatives of the sectional committees of Cali, Barranquilla, Ibague, Manizales, and Bucaramanga.
3. A new National Executive Committee for 1953 was recently elected. GARCIA continues as director, and VALENCIA as secretary-general. Other members are DARIO, Francia LOPEZ, Victor M. RINCON, and Arcadio LOPEZ. A publication fund was recently set up under the name of Tomas URIBE Marquez for the purpose of assuring the financing of socialist works and providing for efficient distribution in Colombia and abroad. Dr. Enrique ZAPATA is the director of the fund.

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4. The Agencia Latina de Noticias, operated by the Argentine Embassy in Bogota, posted a notice during the past week to the effect that Chilean Socialists had sent congratulations to those of Colombia for having offered unrestricted aid to President ROJAS. GARCIA and VALENCIA immediately sent an angry letter to the Argentine Embassy stating that the report was completely false and that its publication represents an abuse and an unpardonable impudence. It was added that the Agencia had repeatedly invented incorrect notices which have affected the reality and orientation of Colombian Socialism. The Agencia proceeded to correct the information immediately.

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1. Comment. [REDACTED] the Communist Party of Colombia (PCC) wished to form a Democratic Front of National Liberation including "the Socialist followers of Antonio Garcia."

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